

Senate File 451 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 451
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 247)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the allowable uses for modified allowable
2 growth for programs for returning dropouts and dropout
3 prevention.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.41, Code 2011, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **257.41 Funding for programs for returning dropouts and**
4 **dropout prevention.**

5 1. Budget. The budget of an approved program for returning
6 dropouts and dropout prevention for a school district, after
7 subtracting funds received from other sources for that purpose,
8 shall be funded annually on a basis of one-fourth or more
9 from the district cost of the school district and up to
10 three-fourths by an increase in allowable growth as defined in
11 section 257.8. Annually, the department of management shall
12 establish a modified allowable growth for each such school
13 district equal to the difference between the approved budget
14 for the program for returning dropouts and dropout prevention
15 for that district and the sum of the amount funded from the
16 district cost of the school district plus funds received from
17 other sources.

18 2. Appropriate uses of funding. Appropriate uses of the
19 returning dropout and dropout prevention program funding
20 include but are not limited to the following:

21 a. Salary and benefits for teachers, nurses, para-educators,
22 and guidance counselors working with students participating
23 in the dropout prevention programs, alternative programs, and
24 alternative schools if the teacher, nurse, para-educator, or
25 guidance counselor is dedicated to working with returning
26 dropouts or students who are deemed, at anytime during the
27 school year, to be at risk of dropping out, to provide services
28 beyond those provided by the school district to students who
29 are not identified as at risk of becoming dropouts. However,
30 if the teacher, nurse, para-educator, or guidance counselor is
31 a part-time returning dropout and dropout prevention teacher,
32 nurse, para-educator, or guidance counselor and a part-time
33 regular classroom teacher or counselor, only the portion of
34 time that is related to the returning dropout and dropout
35 prevention program may be charged to the program.

1 b. Professional development for all teachers and staff
2 working with at-risk students and programs involving dropout
3 prevention strategies.

4 c. Research-based resources, materials, software, supplies,
5 and purchased services that meet all of the following criteria:

6 (1) Meet the needs of kindergarten through grade twelve
7 students identified as at risk of dropping out and of returning
8 dropouts.

9 (2) Are beyond those provided by the regular school program.

10 (3) Are necessary to provide the services listed in the
11 school district's dropout prevention plan.

12 (4) Will remain with the kindergarten through grade twelve
13 returning dropout and dropout prevention program.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill specifies the appropriate uses of the returning
16 dropout and dropout prevention program funding for school
17 districts.

18 Appropriate uses of funding as specified by the bill include
19 salary and benefits for teachers, nurses, para-educators, and
20 guidance counselors when those persons are dedicated to working
21 with returning dropouts or students who are deemed, at anytime
22 during the school year, to be at risk of dropping out, to
23 provide services beyond those provided by the school district
24 to students generally; professional development for all
25 teachers and staff working with at-risk students and programs
26 involving dropout prevention strategies; and research-based
27 resources, materials, software, supplies, and purchased
28 services that meet criteria specified in the bill.